

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 § 1.114
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An ointment patch comprising a support, an ointment, and optionally, a separator,

wherein the ointment is coated on one surface of the support in an amount of 0.1mg to 200mg per 1cm² of the support, and

the support has a thickness of 1μm to 2000μm and 50% modulus of 5g/cm to 600g/cm, a water vapor permeability of 100g/m²/24hrs or higher, and is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, wherein the copolymer is obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90wt%, 10 to 97wt%, and 0 to 15wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked.

2-3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein the support is ~~formed from film~~ overlaid with cloth.

5. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.

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6. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the support includes an adhesive layer disposed on the ointment-coated surface of the support in order to allow the ointment patch to adhere to skin.

7. (currently amended) The ointment patch according to claim 1-~~or~~2, wherein the ointment patch is folded onto itself to bring the ointment-coated surface into contact with itself.

8. (currently amended) An ~~ointment~~-applicator comprising a support, and an adhesive layer disposed on one surface of the support to allow the ~~ointment~~-applicator to adhere to skin, wherein the support has a thickness of 1 μ m to 2000 μ m, and 50% modulus of 5g/cm to 600g/cm, a water vapor permeability of 100g/m²/24hrs or higher, and is composed of a copolymer of vinyl acetate and acrylic acid, wherein the copolymer is obtained by copolymerizing a vinyl acetate, an alkyl ester of a (meth)acrylic acid with the alkyl having 4 to 14 carbon atoms on average, and a (meth)acrylic acid in amounts of 0 to 90wt%, 10 to 97wt%, and 0 to 15wt%, respectively, and the copolymer is cross-linked.

9-10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended) The ~~ointment~~-applicator according to claim 8-~~or~~9, wherein the support is ~~formed from~~ film overlaid with cloth.

12. (currently amended) The ~~ointment~~-applicator according to claim 8-~~or~~9, wherein the support is non-ointment-migration-permissive.